

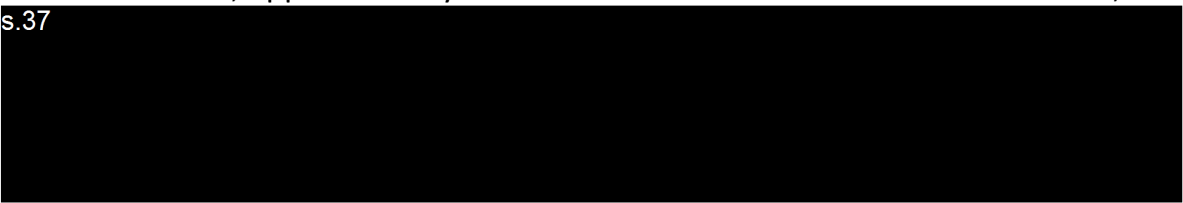
Truckers Convoy and Protective Services

Key Messages – January 31, 2022 2:55 PM

- Good afternoon.
- In terms of the RCMP update, generally the first two days of demonstrations went well. There were no arrests, although Ottawa Police is investigating several incidents – including the one involving the War Memorial.
- On Saturday, we estimate that the crowd peaked at close to 8,000 people on Parliament Hill. Yesterday that number was significantly lower – our estimates are roughly 3,000 people on Parliament Hill and Wellington Street at its peak.
- There has been an agreement by partners to not release data on the number of participants until the end of the protest – so these are just estimates, not official statistics.
- Gridlock was a problem throughout the weekend – and into today. The Ottawa Police has called on residents not to travel downtown, noting large crowds – as well as a large police presence.
- A broadcast was also sent out yesterday to Government employees who work downtown asking them to work remotely unless it was absolutely critical they attend the office.
- I'll go through current statistics in a moment, but want to note that today we are seeing a shift in protest dynamics.
- This morning blockades had been put in place by protesters at a number of bridges and roads downtown.
- Just after 10:00 this morning, Ottawa Police were dealing with an incident that saw a truck make contact with an OPS vehicle – albeit at a slow speed – at

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Wellington and Elgin. The driver had barricaded himself in the vehicle, but has since been taken into police custody.

- Also this morning, Ottawa Police responded to a group that appeared to be carrying pallets and gas cans. That situation was resolved without incident.
- There are still no incidents involving violence, but should the crowd dynamics turn to violent actions, Public Order Units will be deployed as and when required based on pre-determined operational plans and under a strict command structure. Several Public Order Units are standing by in the NCR, this includes: Ottawa Police, OPP, Toronto Police Service, London Police, Durham Police, York Regional, and the RCMP.
- Parliament did resume this morning as planned. Originally we were advised that 175 MPs planned on attending in person; this number was revised to around 100 MPs earlier this morning.
- Significant efforts have been concentrated on supporting the operational planning requirements for the resumption of Parliament.
- The current process to support the entry and exit of Parliamentarians is running smoothly, and additional resources will be available to support, should the demand for services increase. At this time, both vehicular and pedestrian entry and exit are available options.
- As of 2:15 PM, approximately 30 MPs and 100 Parliamentarians are on-site,
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- VIP movements did need to be put on hold briefly while Ottawa Police were dealing with the ramming incident at Wellington and Elgin.

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- Ottawa has not been alone in dealing with demonstrations. Over the weekend a number of solidarity protests took place across the country.
 1. In BC, there were protests in Terrace, Osoyoos, Vernon, Fort St. John, Lumby, Vernon, and the Lower Mainland.
 2. New Brunswick managed four events: a Nova Scotia/New Brunswick border protest, a New Brunswick/Maine Port of Entry Protest, a private vehicle convoy from, and a severe winter storm. Blockades occurred but did not last longer than 1.5 hours due to severe weather deterioration.
 3. In Windsor, a group of 100 vehicles reported protesting on Huron Church Rd. near Ambassador Bridge POE.
 4. At Woodstock POE, vehicles blocked one of the southbound lanes to the US, with one lane remaining open to commercial motor vehicles. No personal motor vehicles were permitted through the protest location.
 5. And in Manitoba, a Support Freedom Convoy demonstration with around 100-200 vehicles staged in Headingley and was destined for the Manitoba Legislative Building located in downtown Winnipeg. In addition, trucks and demonstration support vehicles lined up at the Emerson border engaged in a continuous slow moving convoy disrupting traffic flow on Highway #75.
- Most of these involved rallies and slow-rolls, ending without incidents other than traffic disruptions.

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- However, that has not been the case in Alberta, where we have seen the Coutts POE blockaded since Saturday. Traffic to and from the Canadian side of the border crossing at Coutts, Alberta was completely blocked, with a jack-knifed semi truck, reinforced with other vehicles, blocking the northbound lane of Highway 4. Enforcement action will be taken soon.
- Some of the newest information we have through Open Source reporting includes:
 1. Just before 7:00 Pm yesterday, Freedom Convoy 2022 organizers held their first live video conference. Information we have is that there was very little engagement, with around 100 views with no comments.
 2. Open source reporting suggests that a large convoy has departed South Dakota and is headed towards a Canada POE. Monitoring is ongoing.
 3. There is also open source reporting suggesting that convoys are on their way to Quebec.
 4. A 'Countdown to Freedom' has been posted to the Freedom Convoy 2022 website. The time remaining is approximate. No details have been provided regarding the purpose of the countdown.
 5. Individuals in front of West Block have taken off their front tires, likely in an attempt to communicate their intentions to continue demonstrate.
- We still do not have an answer to the question of how long this will last.
- OPP, Ottawa Police, and PPS have Liaison Teams who continue to communicate with the event organizers. Organizers remain non committal, indicating that they will remain here until such time that the vaccine mandate has been removed.

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- Chief Sloly has said that any decision to bring the protest to a close early would be based on public safety concerns or a breakdown in communications with protest organizers.
- As long as protestors remain peaceful, they will be able to exercise their democratic rights to protest. Should this extend into several days, whereby undue disturbances are caused to the public and downtown core, judicial authorizations to forcibly remove trucks and protestors may be considered.
- The City of Ottawa, Ottawa Police, and Ottawa Legal Services are currently exploring all options, which includes injunctions. At present, they have outlined the following framework:
 1. Ongoing public order management
 2. Planning for a longer-term occupation
 3. Police-led intervention to bring an end to the situation
 4. Seek an injunction
- There are a number of risks with all of these options, which are still being assessed. I have raised with Chief Sloly that there is the potential that what is decided here locally could have ramifications nationally.
- At present, my understanding is that the intention of Ottawa Police is to use a measured approach and continue negotiations with the protest organizers. They are holding a press conference at 3:30 today, which will likely touch on next steps.
- I will, of course, keep you informed of developments.

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Current Statistics – Latest Data (estimates) – 2:00 PM
• Convoys totalling approximately 2950 vehicles have arrived in the NCR. • Unknown number of vehicles in the downtown core. • Approximately 75 people reported at this time on Parliament Hill and approximately 250 people on Wellington St. • Confederation Park, Majors Hill Park, US Embassy and Sparks St. remain relatively empty, with the exception of what would be considered usual traffic at this time.

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